



## **BEARFACTS 1993 – 2003**

### **Columbia , Georgia [13073]**

Columbia is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the [Augusta-Richmond County, GA-SC \(MSA\)](#). Its 2003 population of 96,443 ranked 21st in the state.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2003 Columbia had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$32,043. This PCPI ranked 6th in the state and was 112 percent of the state average, \$28,696, and 102 percent of the national average, \$31,504. The 2003 PCPI reflected an increase of 4.1 percent from 2002. The 2002-2003 state change was 0.6 percent and the national change was 2.2 percent. In 1993 the PCPI of Columbia was \$22,021 and ranked 7th in the state. The 1993-2003 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.8 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2003 Columbia had a total personal income (TPI) of \$3,090,306\*. This TPI ranked 16th in the state and accounted for 1.2 percent of the state total. In 1993 the TPI of Columbia was \$1,656,571\* and ranked 14th in the state. The 2003 TPI reflected an increase of 6.6 percent from 2002. The 2002-2003 state change was 2.4 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The 1993-2003 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.2 percent and for the nation was 5.1 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Columbia. In 2003 net earnings accounted for 74.0 percent of TPI (compared with 80.1 in 1993); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.1 percent (compared with 12.4 in 1993); and personal current transfer receipts were 9.9 percent (compared with 7.5 in 1993). From 2002 to 2003 net earnings increased 7.6 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 4.3 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 3.6 percent. From 1993 to 2003 net earnings increased on average 5.6 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 9.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 9.5 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Columbia increased from \$864,031\* in 2002 to \$970,138\* in 2003, an increase of 12.3 percent. The 2002-2003 state change was 3.1 percent and the national change was 3.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1993 estimate of \$433,689\* to the 2003 estimate was 8.4 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 6.3 percent and for the nation was 5.3 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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